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Doctor Aphra and her team were hired by Detta Yoo to find the Rings of Vaale, mysterious ancient artifacts of untold power. The rings—should they even exist—could be the biggest payday of Aphra's career. There's just one tiny but extremely dangerous detail—Ronen Tagge, scion of the infamous and insanely powerful Tagge family, has his eyes on the prize.

Aphra's team tracked the rings to Djanth and found an ancient city...made entirely of bone? Living bone? And what's that terrible, high-pitched sound?

Something sinister is definitely afoot on Djanth. . .but luckily, the team discovered the entrance to the workshop where the rings might rest—only to have the floor collapse beneath their feet! And Tagge's mercenaries have arrived....

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DETTA YOO

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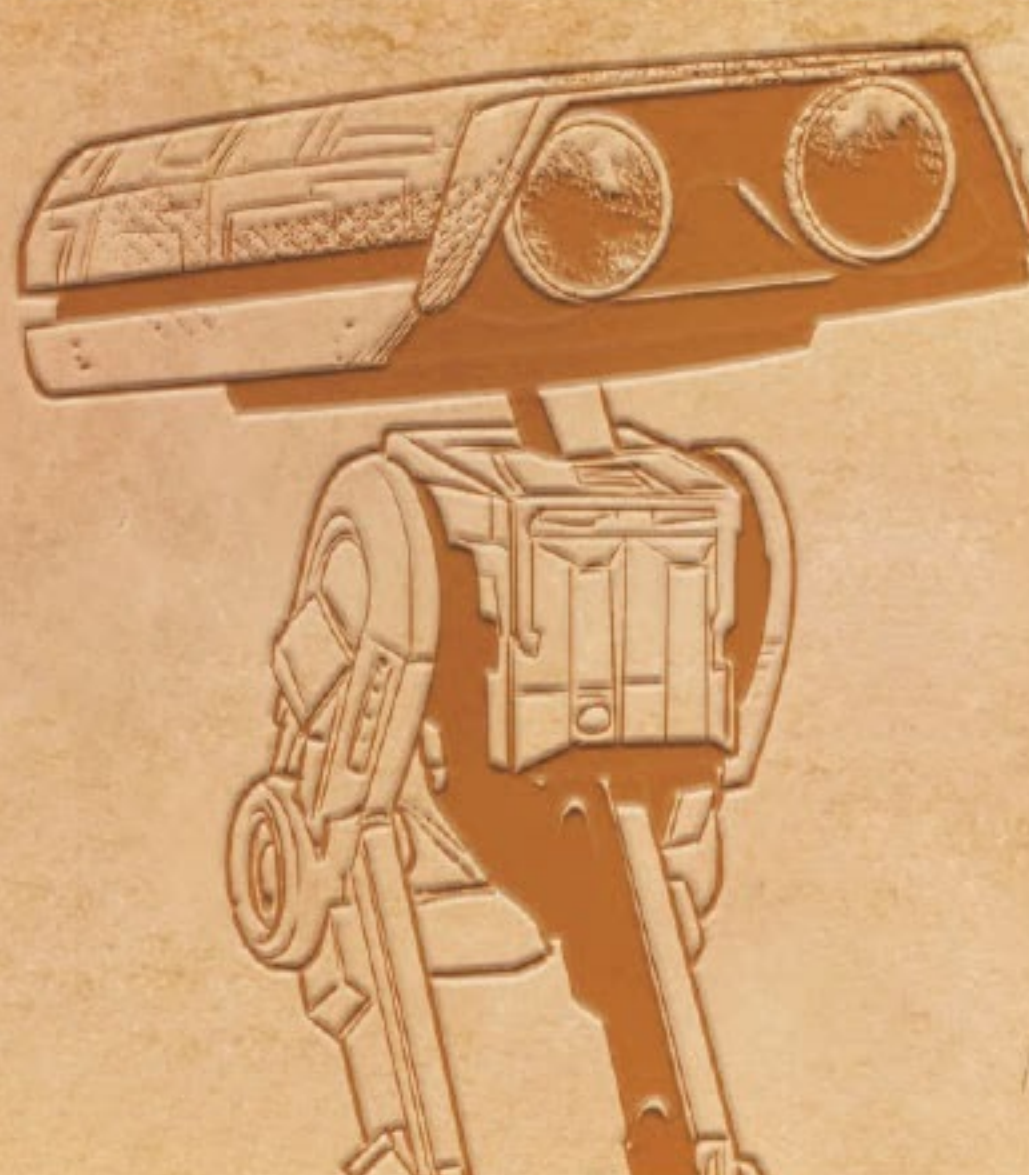
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JUST LUCKY

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RONEN TAGGE

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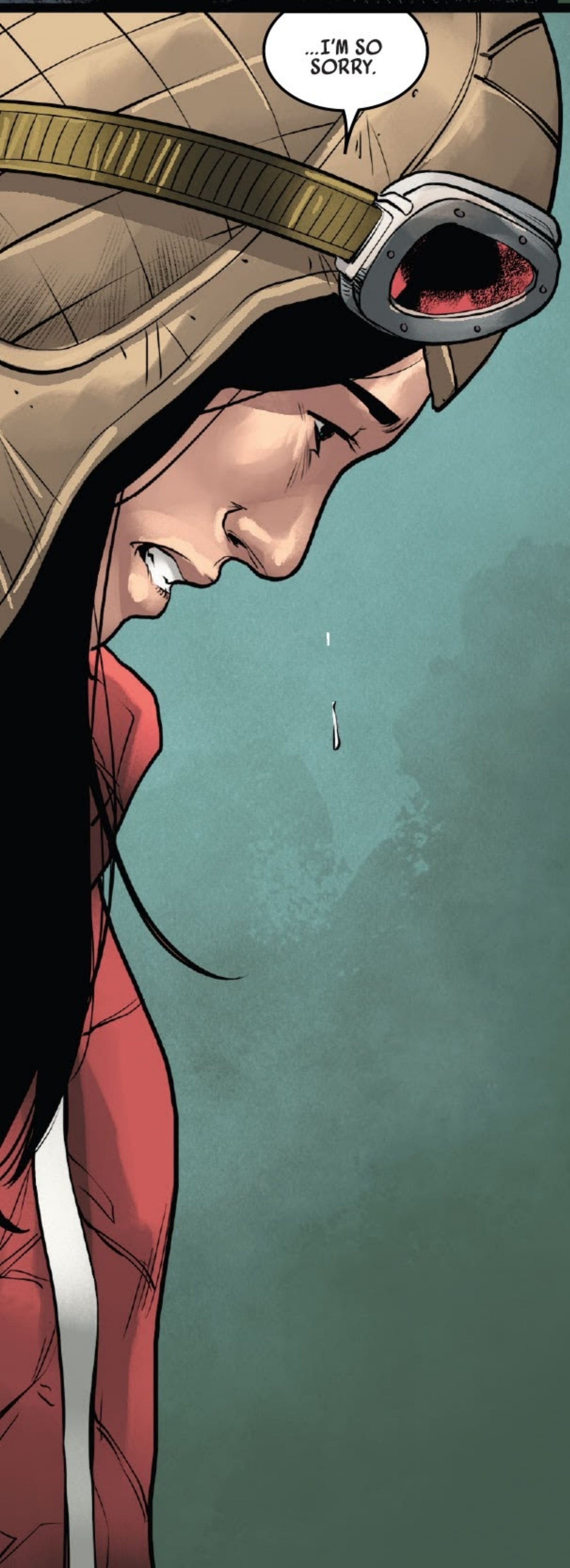
I SAID YOU
BEST JUST OPEN
THE DOOR TO THE
WORKSHOP. WE
WANT THOSE
RINGS.

AND I
SAID IT'S
NOT THAT
SIMPLE.

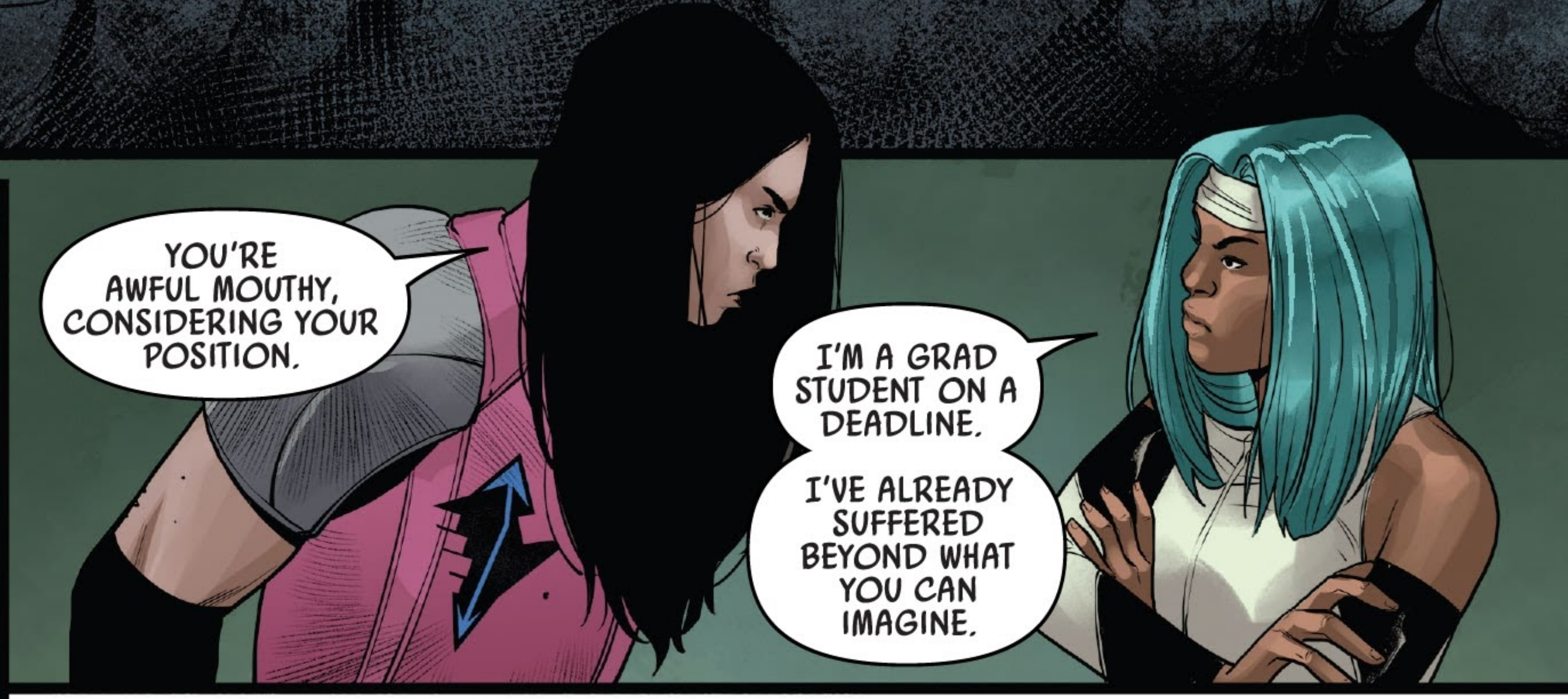
WE'VE BEEN
TRYING TO
FIGURE OUT HOW TO
UNLOCK IT FOR
SOME TIME...

BUT AS YOU
CAN SEE, WE
JUST LOST OUR
FOREMOST EXPERT
IN THE FIELD.

EUSTACIA...



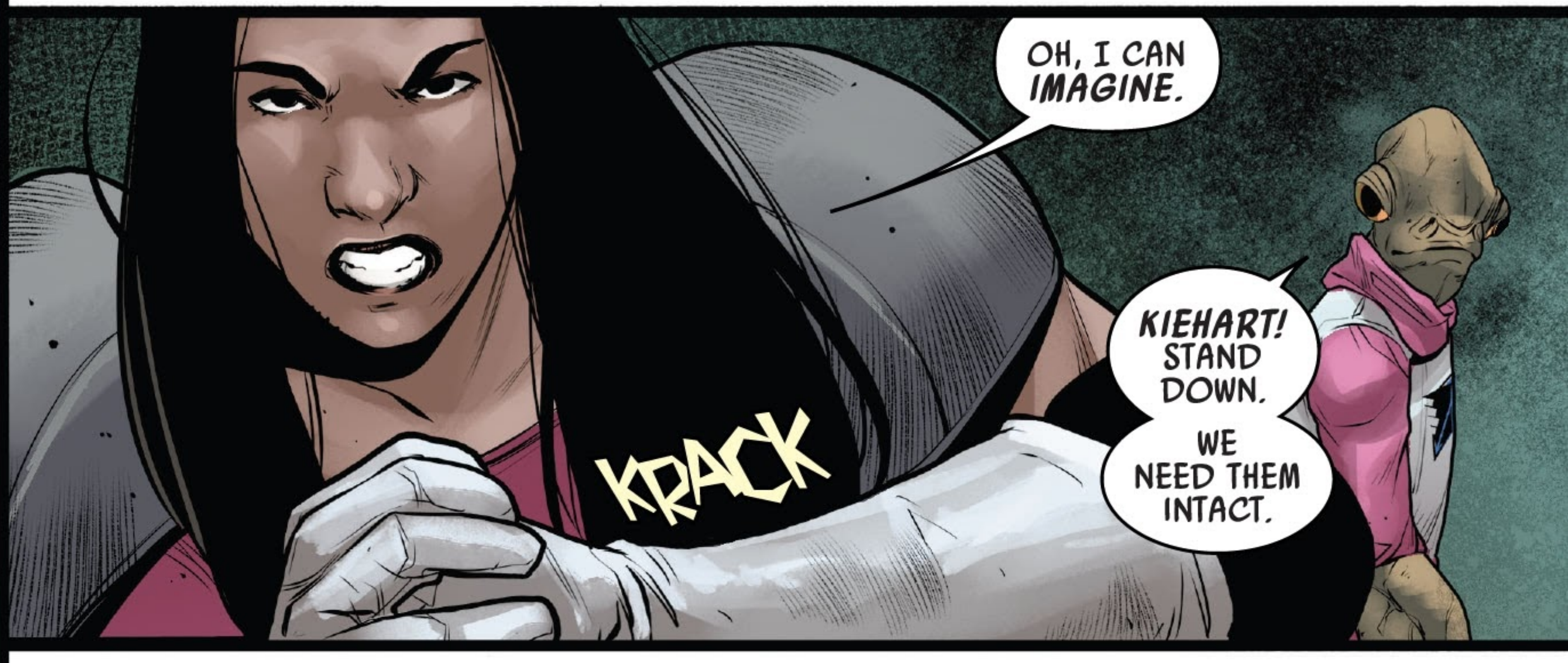
...I'M SO
SORRY.



YOU'RE
AWFUL MOUTHY,
CONSIDERING YOUR
POSITION.

I'M A GRAD
STUDENT ON A
DEADLINE.

I'VE ALREADY
SUFFERED
BEYOND WHAT
YOU CAN
IMAGINE.



OH, I CAN
IMAGINE.

KIEHART!
STAND
DOWN.
WE
NEED THEM
INTACT.



GOOD
CALL.



AFTER ALL, PROFESSOR OKKA'S NO MORE THAN A **SMEAR** DOWN THAT TUNNEL SHAFT, SO YOU'RE KIND OF RUNNING OUT OF OPTIONS.

REALLY WISH WE HADN'T LOST THE WOOKIEE TOO, BUT...WELL...

WE HAD A GOOD RUN.



CALL YOUR BOSS.

Ronen Tagge's Private Penthouse. Canto Bight.



MY DEAR **RONEN**, IT'S BEEN TOO LONG. A SPECTACULAR PARTY AS ALWAYS.

I'M SURPRISED NONE OF THE DRAGENS TURNED UP.

WELL, KIN DRAGEN SAID SOMETHING **TERRIBLY** RUDE ABOUT MY **AUNT** LAST TIME WE SPOKE.

SO I HAD THEIR MANNERS **CORRECTED**. I'M SURE YOU UNDERSTAND.



=CHUCKLE= YOU TRULY ARE YOUR AUNTIE'S FAVORITE.

SIR...

"TELL HIM THAT IN LIGHT OF MY CREW'S **DEEPLY UNFORTUNATE DEMISE**, I'VE DECIDED TO ACCEPT HIS OFFER.

"HE WANTS THE RINGS OF **VAALE**? HE'LL HAVE THEM."



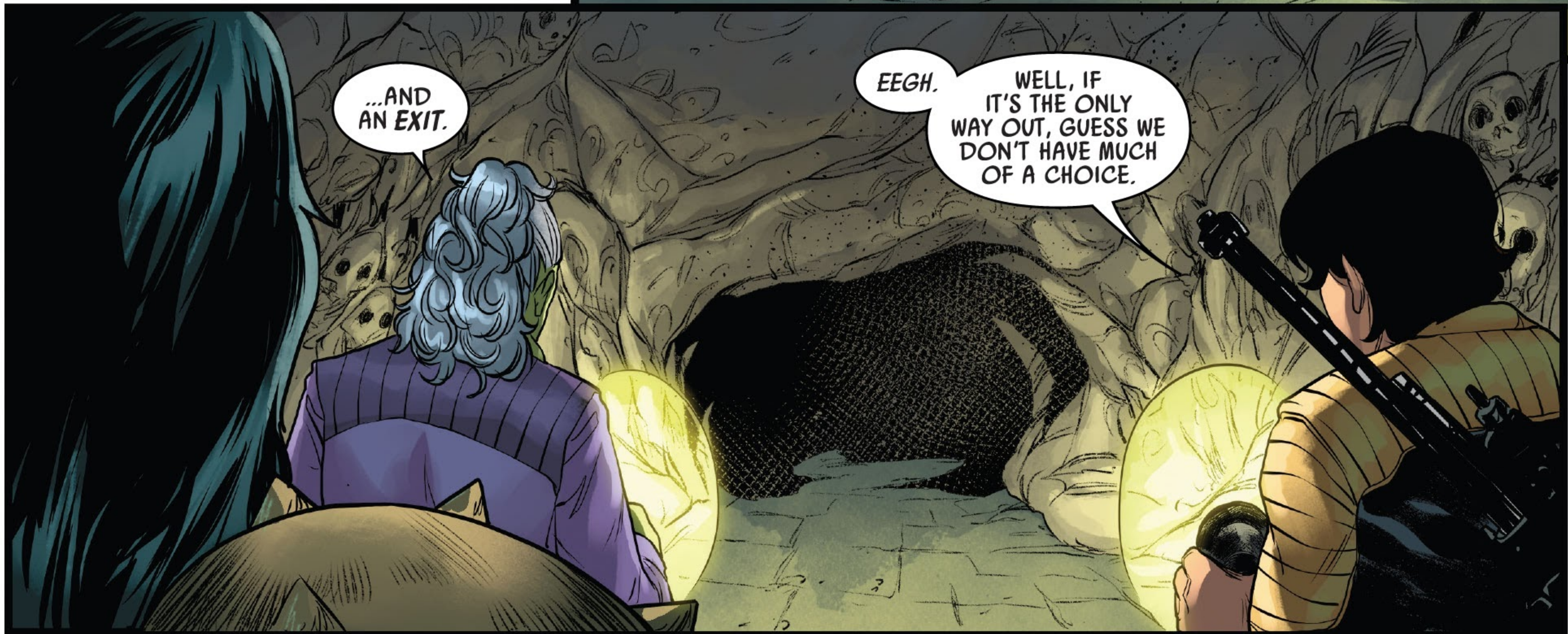
GOOD NEWS?

VERY.



IT SEEMS ONE OF MY ASSOCIATES HAS HAD A **SUDDEN CHANGE OF HEART**.

THE DIVISION OF OUR SPOILS JUST WENT FROM **FIVE SHARES** TO **TWO**...





I THINK THESE BONES ARE **FUSED** WITH THE WALLS.

ANYONE ELSE FEEL LIKE THEY'RE BEING **WATCHED**?

INTERESTING. I HADN'T READ ANYTHING IN THE TEXTS ABOUT **FUSION**.

PERHAPS TO PREVENT THE REMAINS FROM BEING **STOLEN**?

I'LL HAVE TO MAKE NOTE OF IT.



LOOK, I HATE TO BRING IT UP, BUT...THERE'S NO WAY TAGGE'S FORCES SHOULD HAVE CAUGHT UP TO US THIS FAST.



WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?



I'M SAYING WE'VE GOT A **SPY**.

SOMEONE'S BEEN FEEDING THEM INFO. HOW ELSE COULD TAGGE HAVE SENT THAT MESSAGE TO YOUR DROID? OR TRACKED US HERE?



...APHRA. OF COURSE.

IT WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST TIME.



RWWRRGH!

TRUE--SHE DOES HAVE A **REPUTATION** FOR IT. STILL...

THERE ARE STAIRS UP AHEAD.

I'D RATHER CLIMB THAN TALK.



SO YOUR NAMES ARE...?

WAIT, DON'T BOTHER. I WON'T REMEMBER THEM ANYWAY.

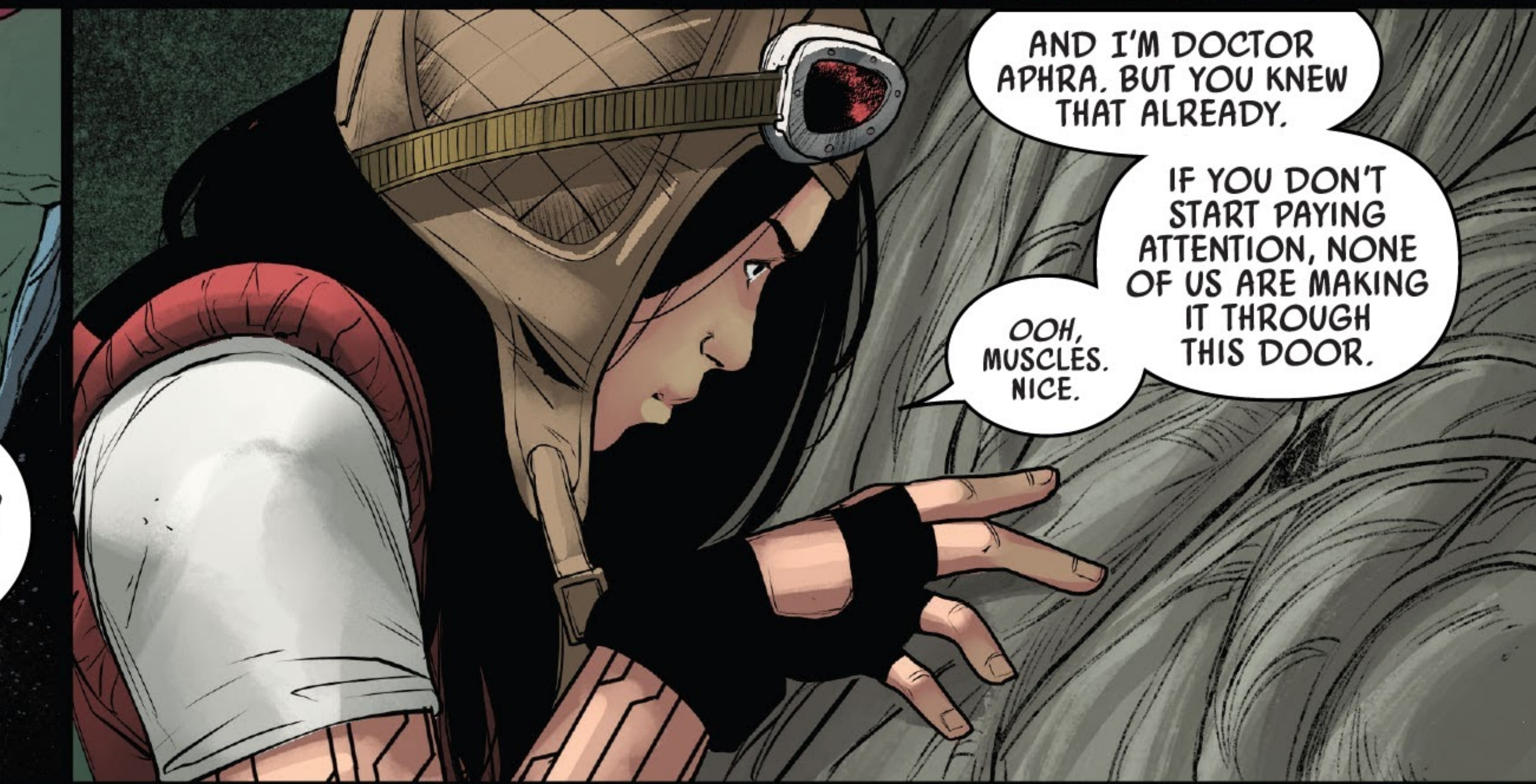
SPREAD OUT AND SEARCH THE WALLS FOR THE DOOR KEY. AND WATCH OUT FOR TRAPS, LIKE THAT ONE.



WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, GIVING US ORDERS?

I'M VENTERS.

HI. I'M DETTA.



AND I'M DOCTOR APHRA. BUT YOU KNEW THAT ALREADY.

IF YOU DON'T START PAYING ATTENTION, NONE OF US ARE MAKING IT THROUGH THIS DOOR.

OOH, MUSCLES. NICE.



TUCKER, ARE WE REALLY GOING TO LISTEN TO HER?!

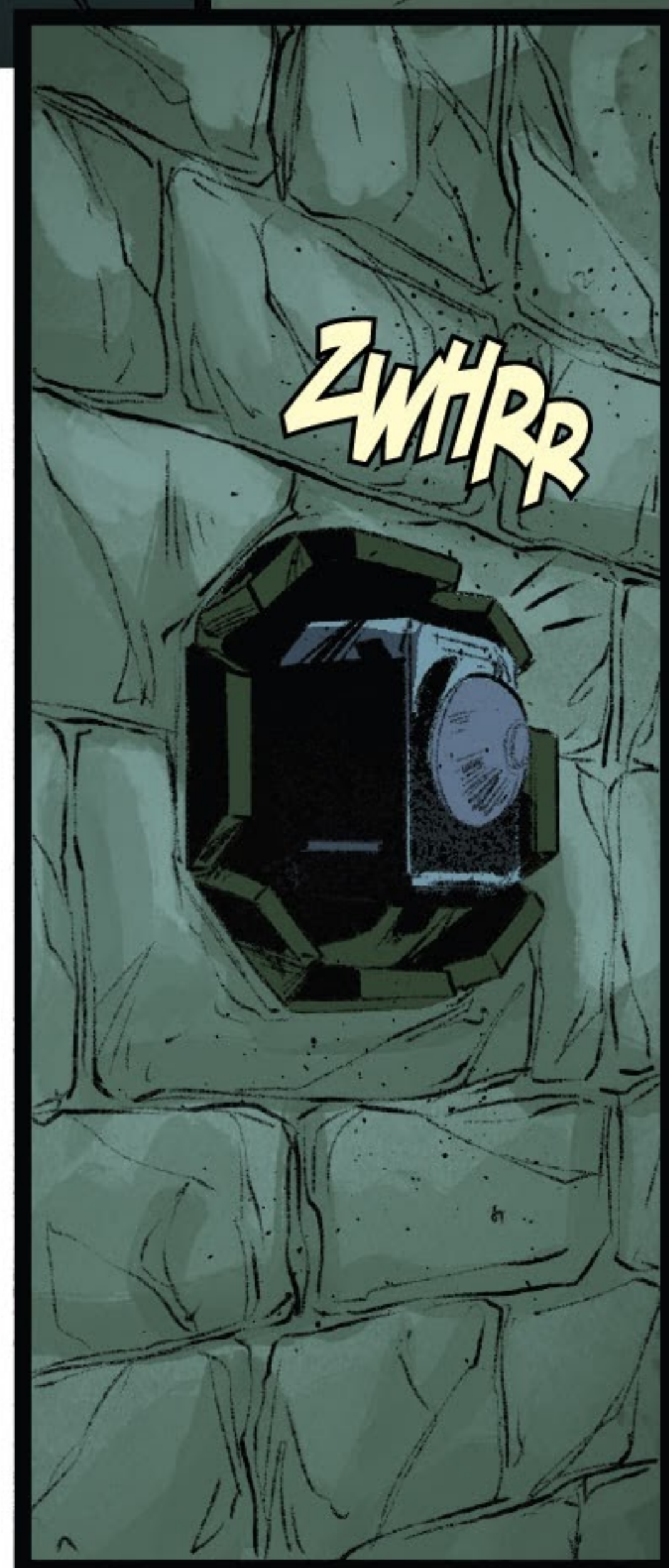
DO YOU WANT THAT DOOR OPEN OR NOT?

GET STARTED, KIEHART.



WHA--

CLICK



ZWTHRR



VRRRZZZT!

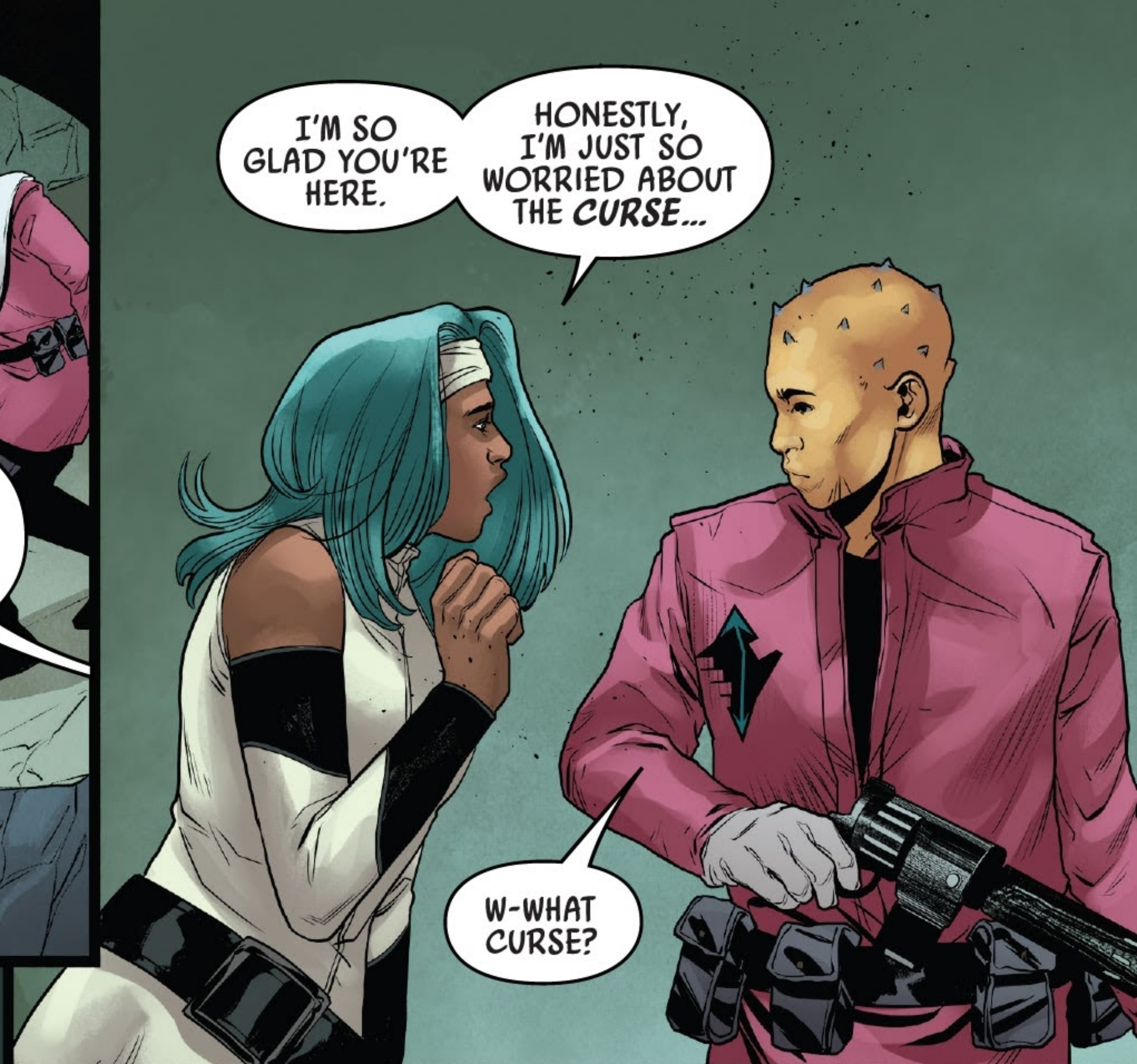
AARGH!

WATCH OUT!



HE'S DEAD...

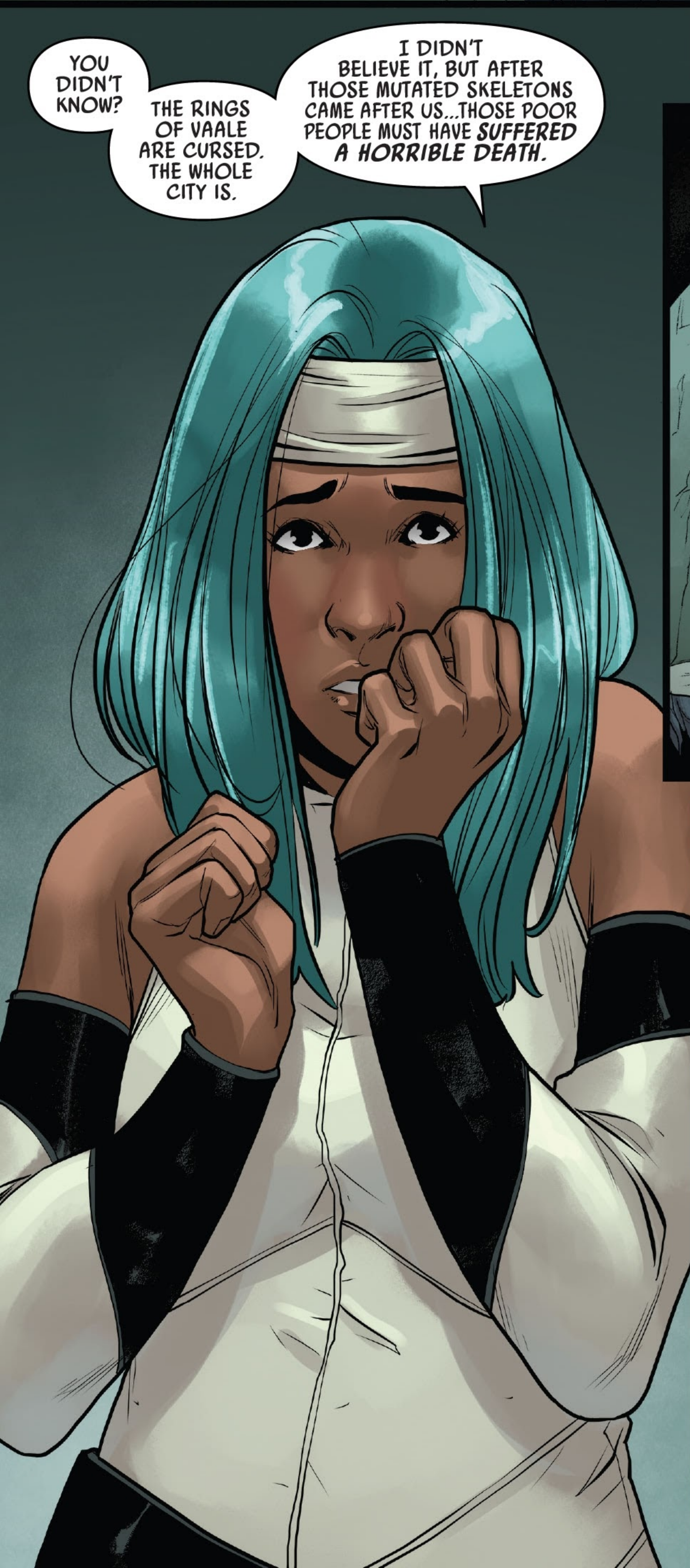
BE CAREFUL!
IF ALL OF YOU
DIE, WE WON'T
GET THE DOOR
OPEN!



I'M SO
GLAD YOU'RE
HERE.

HONESTLY,
I'M JUST SO
WORRIED ABOUT
THE CURSE...

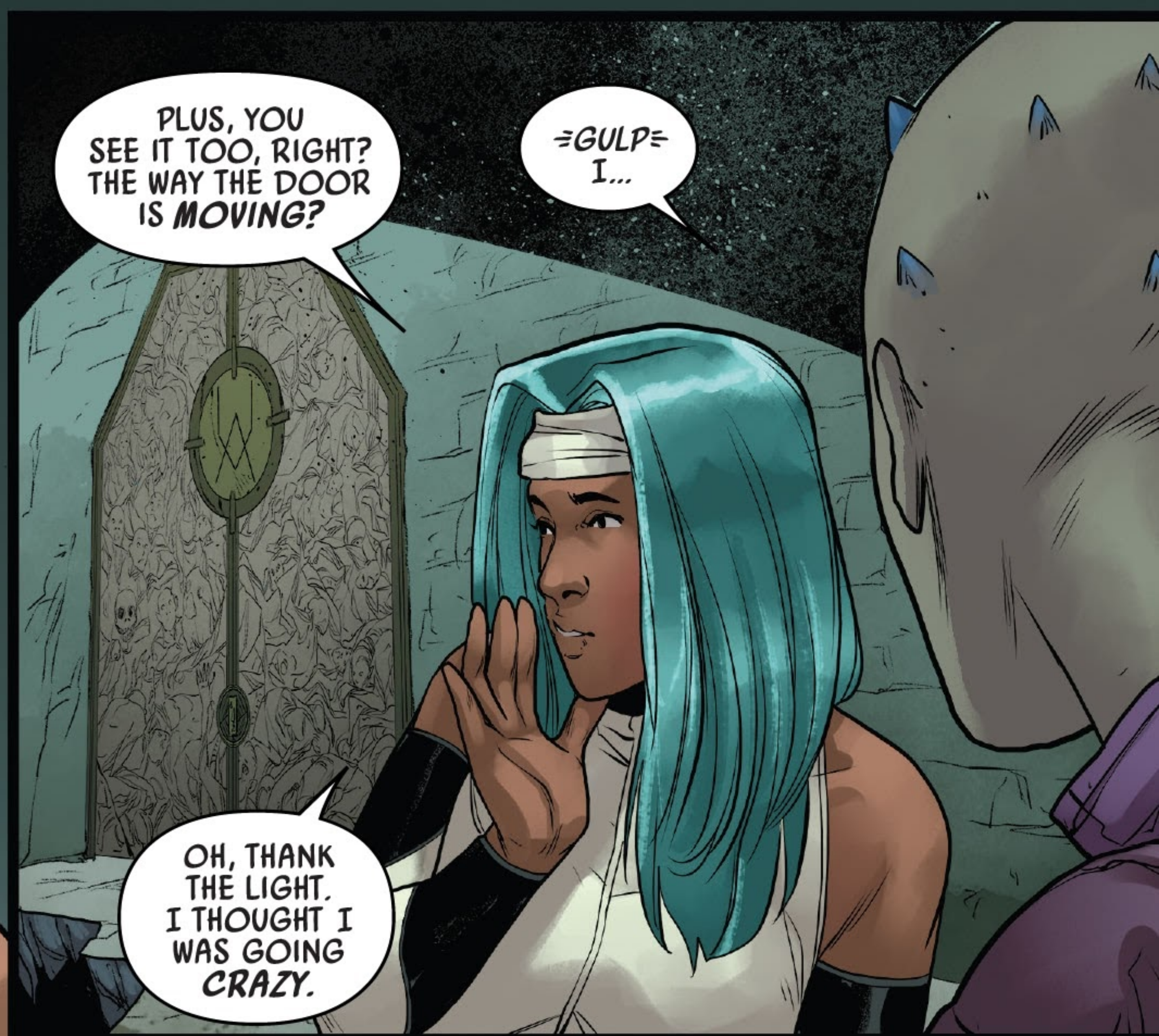
W-WHAT
CURSE?



YOU
DIDN'T
KNOW?

THE RINGS
OF VAALE
ARE CURSED.
THE WHOLE
CITY IS.

I DIDN'T
BELIEVE IT, BUT AFTER
THOSE MUTATED SKELETONS
CAME AFTER US...THOSE POOR
PEOPLE MUST HAVE *SUFFERED*
A HORRIBLE DEATH.



PLUS, YOU
SEE IT TOO, RIGHT?
THE WAY THE DOOR
IS *MOVING*?

=GULP=
I...

OH, THANK
THE LIGHT.
I THOUGHT I
WAS GOING
CRAZY.



YOU'RE
NOT BEING PAID
TO SOCIALIZE,
VENTERS.

S-SORRY...

HMM...
WHAT'S
THIS?



DO YOU HEAR THAT? SOUNDS LIKE SCREAMING.

IS IT LIKE THAT HIGH-PITCHED SOUND YOU HEARD EARLIER?



NO...BUT I HEAR THAT TOO.

I CAN JUST FEEL IT IN MY BONES NOW.

IT'S UNSETTLING.



IT MIGHT BE THE EFFECT OF SOME ARCHITECT SECURITY DEVICE.

AN ALARM AT A FREQUENCY THAT NOT EVERYONE CAN HEAR.

KRRRRKKKK

PROFESSOR! WATCH OUT!



GRAAARGH!

AH!

BZZZZRT!



WHAT THE HELL...? THEY'RE GONE.

IT'S LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED...

BUT IT DID. WE ALL SAW THAT!

...RIGHT?



MAYBE IT WAS A TRICK OF THE LIGHT.

IT WASN'T. I *SWEAR* IT WASN'T.

PROF, I'M NOT GOING NUTS.



INCREDIBLE.
THE ARTISANSHIP OF
THESE CRYPTS IS MUCH
MORE SOPHISTICATED
THAN WHAT WE FOUND
BELOW.

TO SEE THIS
WITH MY OWN
EYES... IT'S LIFE-
CHANGING.

CAREFUL.
BLACK K,
DO YOU SEE
ANY--



FWOOOSH

--UGH.
THAT SOUND'S
GOTTEN
WORSE.



THAT
MAKES
SENSE.

I'VE BEEN
TRACKING OUR PATH,
AND IF I'M RIGHT, WE
SHOULD BE DIRECTLY
BELOW THE
WORKSHOP.

THAT'S
WHERE IT
WAS LOUDEST
LAST TIME,
ISN'T IT?

YEAH,
BUT THIS
TIME--

GRRROW!



THE MARKINGS
ON THAT WALL... I'VE
SEEN THEM BEFORE.
FOLLOW ME.



FWOOOSH

THIS
COULD
BE IT.

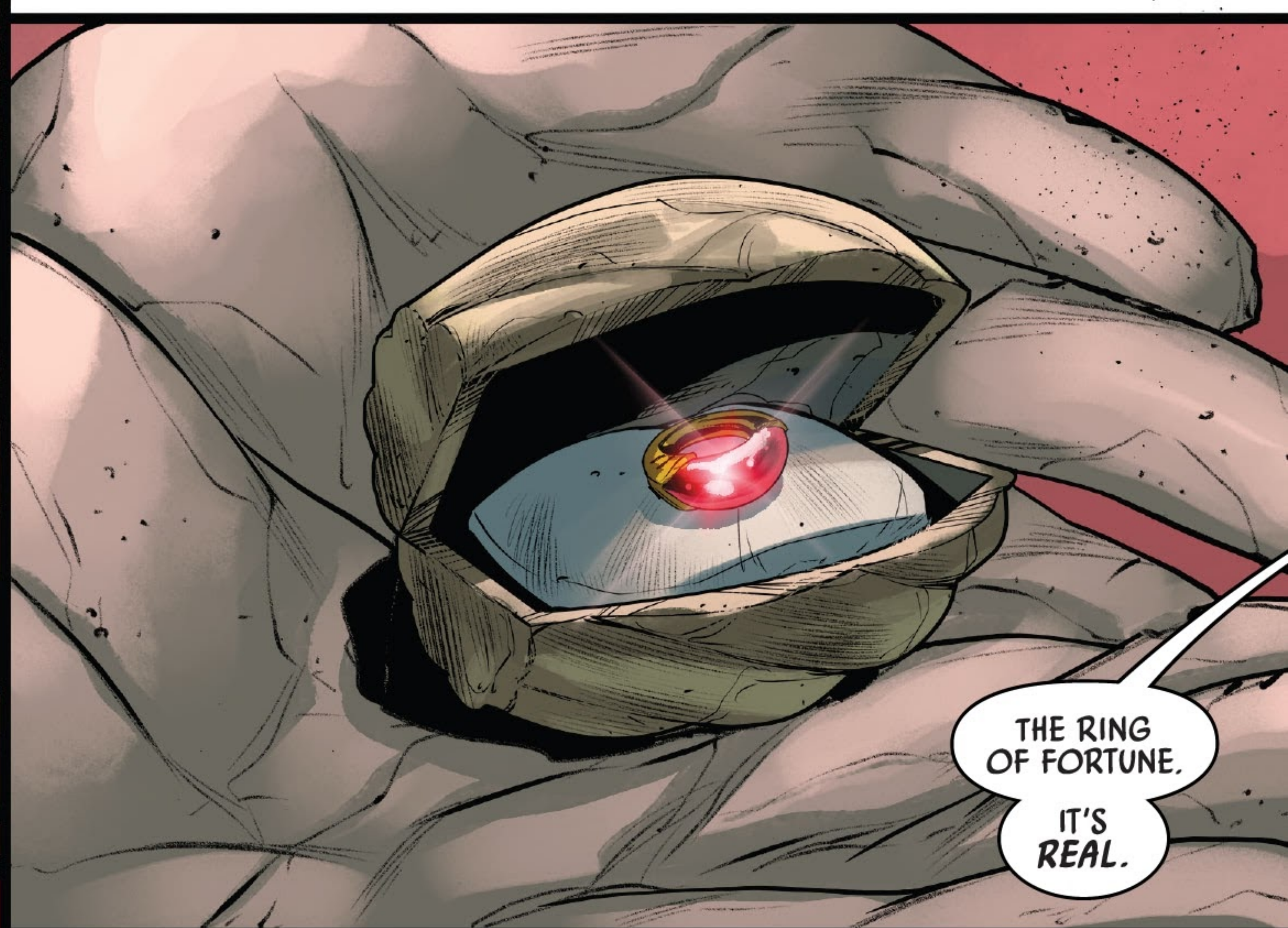






ALL OF MY RESEARCH... MY HOPES...

FINALLY, I'LL KNOW IF I WAS RIGHT ALL ALONG.



THE RING OF FORTUNE.

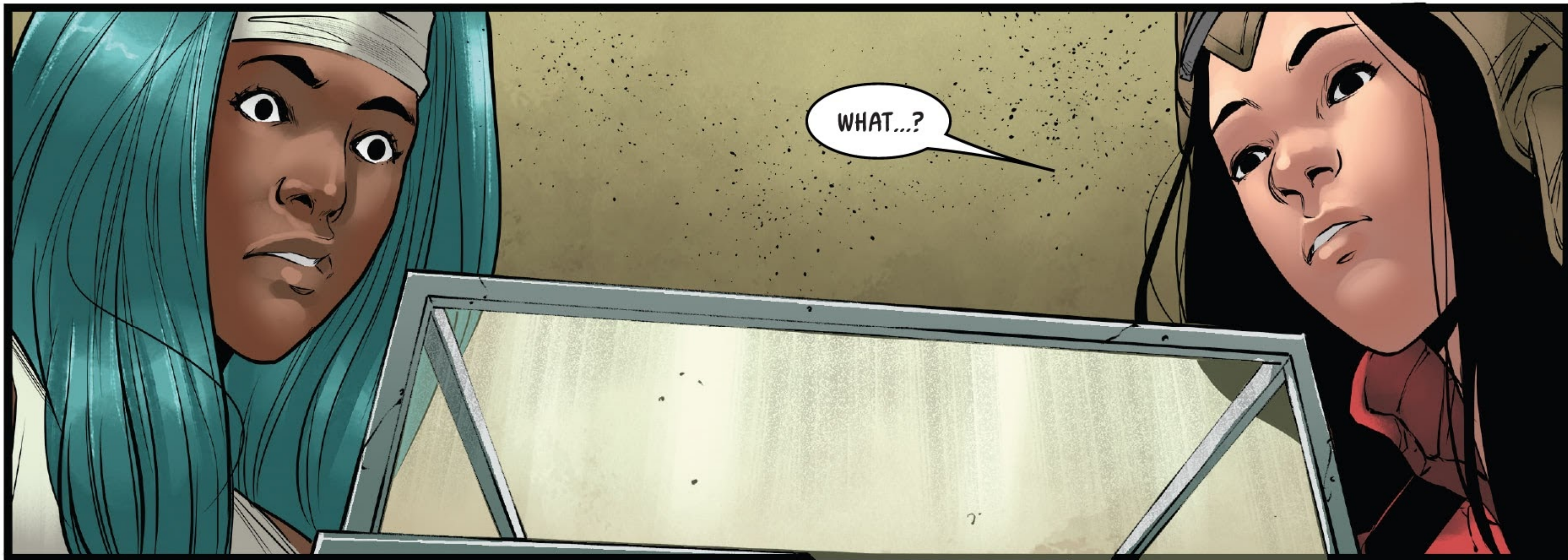
IT'S REAL.



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED. NOW LET'S GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE MY HEAD SPLITS IN HALF.

BLACK K SAYS HE SAW A WAY OUT.

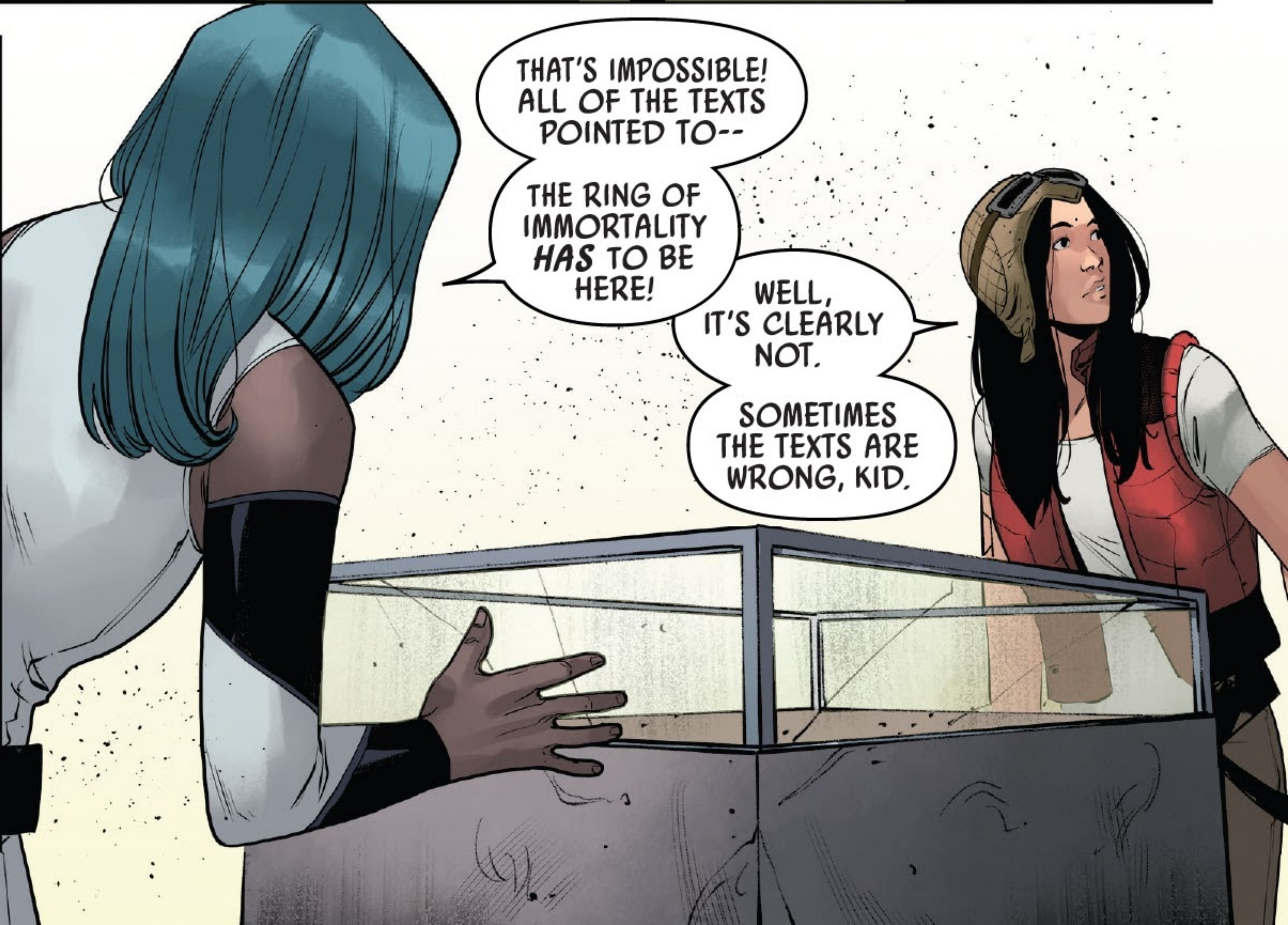
I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU.



WHAT...?



THIS CASE IS EMPTY.

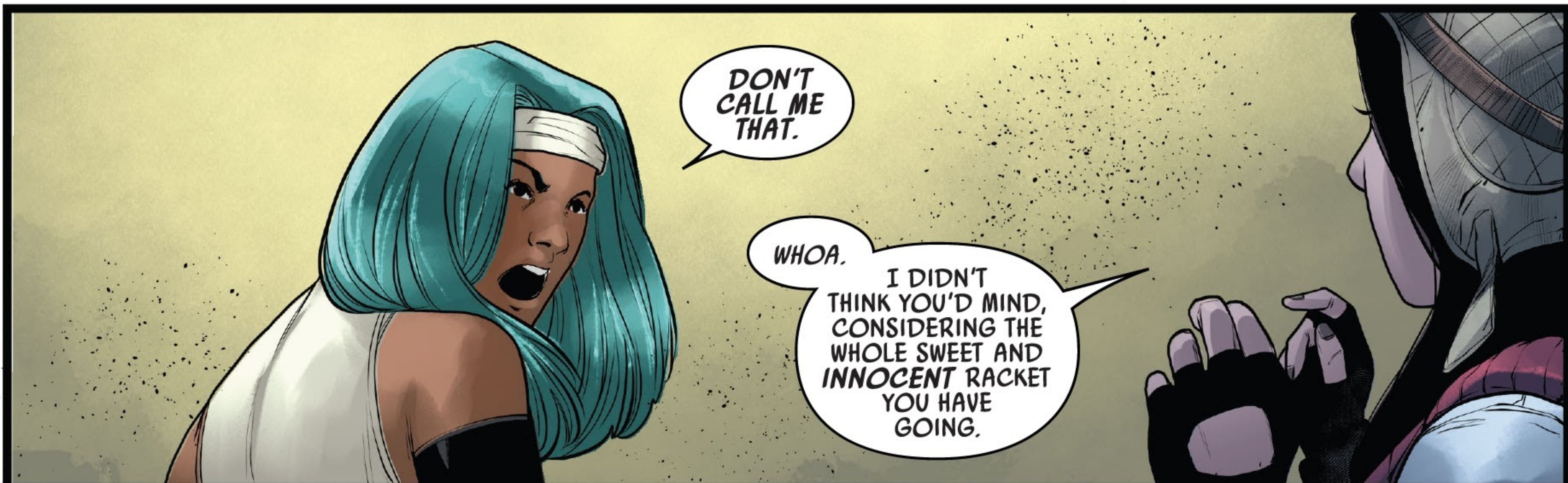


THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! ALL OF THE TEXTS POINTED TO--

THE RING OF IMMORTALITY *HAS* TO BE HERE!

WELL, IT'S CLEARLY NOT.

SOMETIMES THE TEXTS ARE WRONG, KID.



DON'T
CALL ME
THAT.

WHOA.
I DIDN'T
THINK YOU'D MIND,
CONSIDERING THE
WHOLE SWEET AND
INNOCENT RACKET
YOU HAVE
GOING.



WHAT? YOU
DIDN'T THINK I'D
SEE THROUGH
IT?

OR YOUR
PLAN TO DITCH
US AND TAKE THE
RINGS FOR
YOURSELF?



...WHAT
MAKES
YOU THINK
THAT?



IT'S WHAT
I WOULD HAVE
DONE AT YOUR
AGE.



YOU
DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT ME.

LET ME
GUESS.



"THE UNIVERSITY
DOESN'T RECOGNIZE
YOUR BRILLIANCE,
YOUR AMBITION.

"MOST OF THEM
DON'T TAKE
YOU SERIOUSLY.

WAIT!
PLEASE--

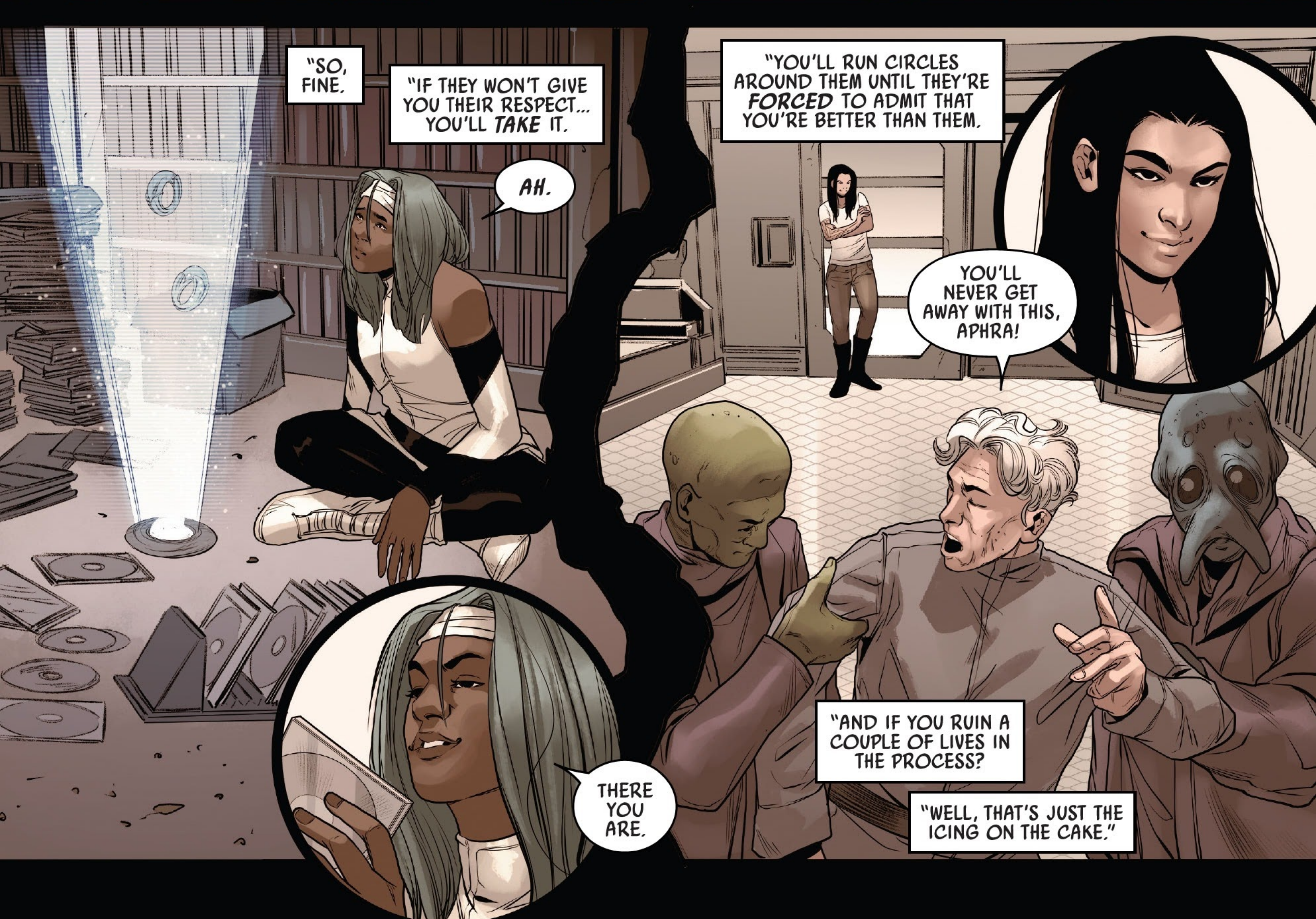
DON'T
WASTE MY TIME
WITH FOLKTALES,
YAO. YOU'RE
BETTER THAN
THIS.

"THE OTHERS
FEEL THREATENED
BY YOU.

"AND THEY
SHOULD BE.

SORRY,
SAVA
TOOB-NIX...

I'LL START
PAYING ATTENTION
WHEN THINGS GET
INTERESTING.



"SO,
FINE.

"IF THEY WON'T GIVE
YOU THEIR RESPECT...
YOU'LL *TAKE* IT.

AH.

"YOU'LL RUN CIRCLES
AROUND THEM UNTIL THEY'RE
FORCED TO ADMIT THAT
YOU'RE BETTER THAN THEM.

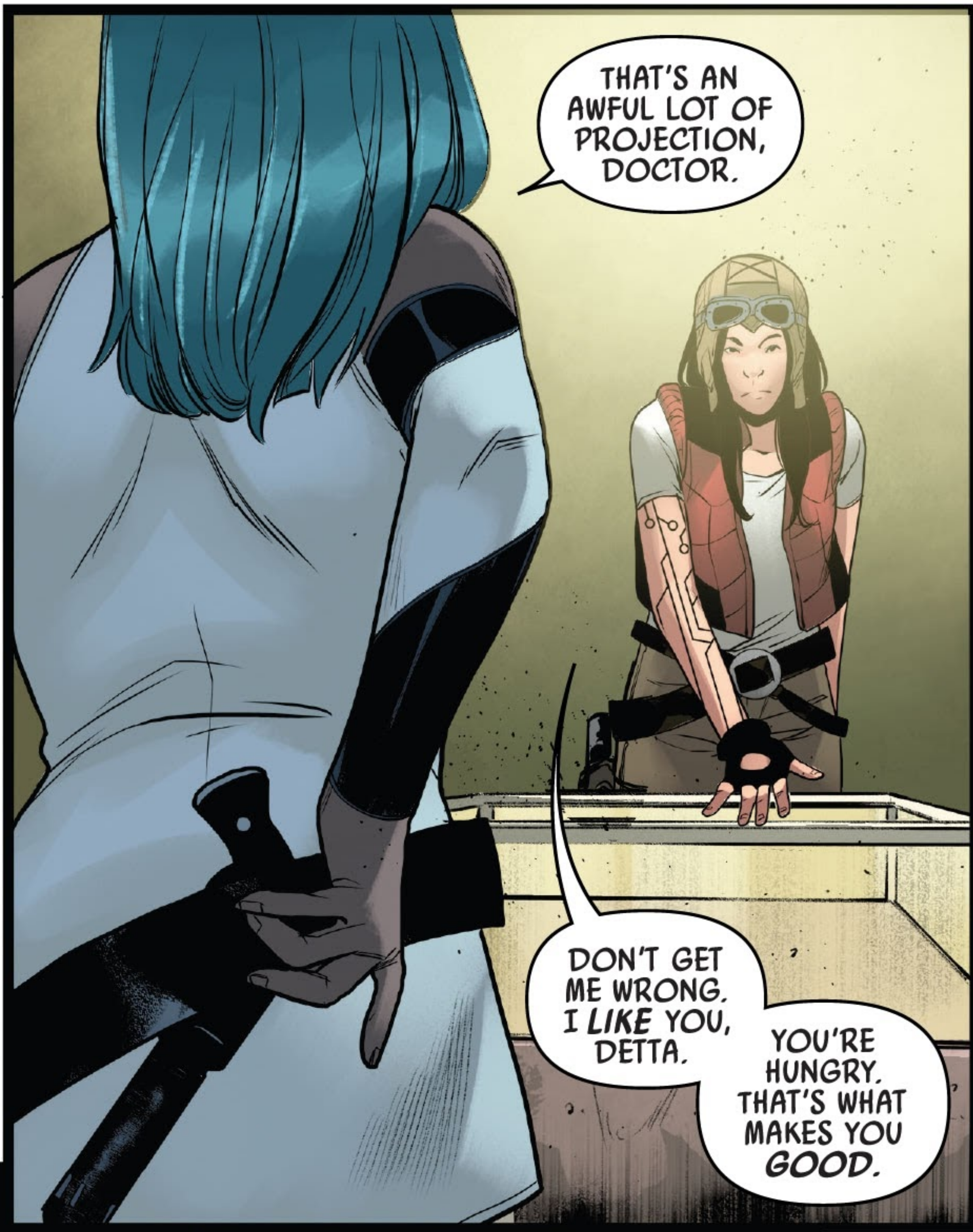
YOU'LL
NEVER GET
AWAY WITH THIS,
APHRA!



THERE
YOU
ARE.

"AND IF YOU RUIN A
COUPLE OF LIVES IN
THE PROCESS?

"WELL, THAT'S JUST THE
ICING ON THE CAKE."











QUICK
THINKING,
LUCKY.

NOW,
HAND ME
THE RING.



MM, I
THINK I'LL
HOLD ON TO IT
FOR A BIT
LONGER.

TMP TMP TMP



SORRY
IT TOOK US
SO LONG TO
GET HERE,
BOSS.

AS
YOU SAID
YOURSELF,
DOC...

NO
ONE PAYS
LIKE THE
TAGGES.

To Be Continued!

DOCTOR APHRA **NEXT ISSUE:**

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BY ALYSSA WONG AND MARIKA CRESTA
COVER BY VALENTINA REMENAR

**DETRAYED AND
OUTGUNNED, APHRA HAS
ONE LAST CHANCE TO STOP
TAGGE AND RECLAIM THE
RINGS OF VAALE!**

A LONG TIME AGO IN A GALAXY FAR,
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TO THAN YOU THINK! WRITE US AT
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INTO A FUTURE LETTERS PAGE. MARK
YOUR NOTES "OKAY TO PRINT."